

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 11 is amended to merely correct its dependency to depend from claim 9. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-15 are pending, with claims 3, 4, 6-8 and 11-13 being deemed allowable.

Claims 1, 5-6, 9 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ton (U.S. 6,771,623). However, by the concurrently filed certified English language translation of priority document FI 20000574 filed in Finland on March 31, 2000, Applicant has perfected that priority date. Thus, Ton is not prior art to the present application because its filing date is December 1, 2001. Thus, the rejection is traversed.

All rejections and objections having been addressed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, please telephone the Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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